Inner Line Limit

2516. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 4946, dated September 10, 1996 regarding 'Inner Line Limit' and state :

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has reported that no representation has been received for extending the present inner line limits.

(c) Does not arise.

Voluntary Organisations

2517. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of voluntary organisations of Maharashtra and other States working for the protection of environment with the grants of the Government;

(b) the amount of grant provided to various voluntary organisations for this purpose in each State during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the works for which the grant was provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Edible Oils

2518. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is the responsibility of the Union Government to procure and allot edible oils to the States whose responsibility is in turn to arrange for their actual distribution to the consumers;

(b) whether the Union Government have informed the Government of Maharashtra that the supply of edible oils will be made to the State only during August to November, 97 which is a period of festivals and also advised the State Government to import the edible oils;

(c) whether the Union Government will give subsidy on such imports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Distribution of Palmolein is not a regular phenomenon under P.D.S. unlike in the case of Rice, Wheat, Sugar and Kerosene. Government imports Palmolein through S.T.C. and distributes through PDS as a market intervention measure whenever necessary.

(b) Keeping in view the comfortable availability of edible oils in the country and also uniform duty for edible oil imports both for PDS and under OGL, Government had written to the Maharashtra Government to indicate their requirement of palmolein for the festival months of August to November, 1997. This is the lean supply period during which the prices of edible oil have a tendency to go up. Through the supply of limited additional palmolein under PDS during this period prices of edible oils can be kept under check. To meet their full requirement of edible oil the State Government can import palmolien as per their convenience.

(c) to (e) Supply of imported palmolein through the Public Distribution System is subsidised by Government. The Central Issue Price of imported palmolein is lower than the actual landed cost of the oil due to which the Government is incurring a deficit in its Edible Oil Account.

Sunflower Research Centre

2519. SHRI RAJA RANGAPPA NAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent a proposal for setting up of a Research Centre for the Sunflower in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has since cleared and location of the project identified; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) A proposal to open National Research Centre on Sunflower was received from Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad.

(b) No, Sir, since the Coordinating Unit of All India Coordinated Research Project on Sunflower is already functioning at University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore and one research centre under the above project is also located at Raichur under University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, the proposal has not been approved.

(c) Does not arise.